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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 7, 2003. Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group "e", which is directed to the species of Figures 8 and 9. Group "e" reads on claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-16, 19 and 20.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.336.4617 with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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